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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re P | atent Application | n of | | | | | |
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| Marco | SATTA | .) | Group Art Unit: 3676 | | | | |
| Application No.: 10/072,987 | | | Examiner: E. Peavey | | | | |
| Filed: February 12, 2002 | | |) Confirmation No.: 3522 | | | | |
| For: COMPOSITE ELASTOMER/PTFE SEAL, IN PARTICULAR FOR INSERTION BETWEEN RELATIVED ROTATING MEMBERS SUBJECT TO OSCILLATION | | | | | | | |
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| Sir: | | | | | | | |
| []\$3 | | equests continued examination uX] \$770.00 (1801) fee due und | ander 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the er 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). | | | | |
| 1. [] | entered. | Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments <u>not</u> be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified in item 2 below. | | | | | |
| [X] | | Applicant(s) previously submitted the following documents for which continued examination is requested: | | | | | |
| | | [X] Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on March 4, 2004. | | | | | |
| | [] Co | onsider the arguments in the Ap | peal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _ | | | | |
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| 2. | [] Amendaria [] Affidavi [] Informati [X] Petition [] Other: _ | documents are enclosed with the nent/Reply. t(s)/Declaration(s). tion Disclosure Statement (IDS) for Extension of Time. | ı. | | | | |
| 3. | [X] No addit | atity status is hereby claimed. tional claim fee is required. is calculated below on the basis is application prior to this subm | s of the highest number of claims already paid hission: | | | | |

| CLAIMS | | | | | | |
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| | No. OF CLAIMS | HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS THUS PAID FOR | EXTRA CLAIMS | RATE | FEE | |
| Basic Fee | | | | | | |
| Total Claims | 11 | MINUS 20 = | | × \$18.00 (1202) = | -0- | |
| Independent Claims | 2 | MINUS 3 = | | × \$86.00 (1201) = | -0- | |
| If multiple dependent | -0- | | | | | |
| Total Fee | -0- | | | | | |
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| TOTAL FEE DUE | -0- | | | | | |

| 4. A check in the amount of \$ is enclosed for the let | 4. | [] | A check in the amount of \$ | is enclosed | for the fee due. |
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- 5. [] Charge \$ ______ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
- 6. [] Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least _, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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